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SUBJ: GASOLINE SHORTAGE IN ISTANBUL

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1. MOBIL PRESIDENT FOR TURKEY, MARC CASANOVA TOLD US MOBIL HAD BEEN ASKED ON BEHALF OF PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL TO DO ALL POSSIBLE TO HELP WITH CURRENT GASOLINE SHORTAGE CREATED BY SHUTDOWN FOR REPAIRS OF IPRAS, THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT REFINERY NEAR IZMIR. CASANOVA SAYS HE HAS INFORMED GOT REPS THAT HIS COMPANY WILL HELP IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE. CASANOVA INDICATED MOBIL WOULD PROVIDE ALL GASOLINE AVAILABLE EVEN THOUGH IN ABOUT FIVE DAYS THEIR INVENTORIES WOULD BE DRAWN DOWN.

2. ACCORDING TO CASANOVA THE REPAIR OF IPRAS CAME AT PARTICULARLY BAD TIME AS PRESENT PERIOD IS SEASON FOR HIGH GASOLINE CONSUMPTION RELTED TO TRAVEL AND ESPECIALLY TO FARMERS NEED FOR BRINGING IN THE HARVEST. IT IS ALSO ASSUMED
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THAT MILITARY RECENTLY LIFTED MORE THAN USUAL QUANTITIES OF

PRODUCT BECAUSE OF AEGEAN CRISIS. WHEN IPRAS WENT DOWN
AT END OF LAST WEEK IT HAD VIRTUALLY NO INVENTORY TO CARRY
IT OVER REPAIR PERIOD. SHELL ALSO WITHOUT INVENTORY,
LEAVING BP AND MOBIL ONLY POSSIBLE SUPPLIERS.

3. CASANOVA SAID MOBIL CURRENTLY UNLOADING TANKER SHIP IN
ISTANBUL AND SUPPLYING ANKARA BY TRUCK. HE THOUGHT SHORTAGES
WOULD CONTINUE FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK UNLESS PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN
REPAIR OF IPRAS REFINERY.
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